

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (new): An air cleaner for an engine of a mower comprising a case, a cover mounted on said case, and an air cleaner element accommodated in a space defined by said case and said cover; wherein at least an air inlet is provided on one side of said case, a hollow tube extending from said side of said case and communicating with said air inlet, a supplementary air inlet provided at a bottom of said case to admit air and to function as a drain, a locking member provided on said case and having a bottom provided with an air outlet, said air cleaner element being mounted on said locking member, an air passage provided below said case, a hollow tube integrally formed with said bottom of said case and communicating with said air passage, a fender provided by said air passage below said case, said locking member being provided with two locking posts going upwardly through said air cleaner element to engage with two fasteners thereby keeping said air cleaner element and said cover in place.

Claim 8 (new): The air cleaner for an engine of a mower as claimed in claim 7, wherein said locking member extends upwardly from a center of said case.